

outlet. But the Northern Outlet road was of greater importance to the tea producers who have opened and are maintaining about 50 miles of feeder roads which are open to the public. They were therefore justified in asking for added facilities in regard to the northern outlet suitable to the increasing traffic.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Strachan, the Chief Engineer will be asked to make an investigation as soon as possible.

**49. Construction of two bridges across the Alwaye river, one at the northern landing ghat and the other at the southern landing ghat and the construction of the Parur-Kuriyapalli road.**

MR. K. A. RAMANUNNI (*Nominated*) said that the need for the two bridges mentioned above had been pressed at previous sessions of the Assembly but nothing was done. The importance and usefulness resulting to the public by these two bridges could not be over-rated. They would afford added facilities of communication with Alwaye, the seat of a first grade college and a summer resort in Malabar and to Parur, the seat of a District Court.

The Parur-Kuriyapalli road besides making communication easy and more convenient would link Cochin and British India with Travancore. It would not only tend to develop trade and commerce but open up a through communication with British India.

The member therefore requested that the two bridges and the road be constructed at an early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Government have realised the necessity for the two bridges, Mr. Ramanunni. A rough estimate for constructing them comes to Rs. 7½ lakhs. The question is one of finance; and when we get money we will do the work.

**50. Want of proper means of communication in the Kartikapalli taluk.**

MR. N. M. OOMMAR KUTTI (*Nominated*) said at the outset that though the Kartikapalli taluk was comparatively a small taluk in area, in respect of revenue and population it stood in the forefront. But the taluk was lacking in means of communication. The only means of communication available was the Dhanapadikal canal. The condition of the canal was deplorable. During summer season the canal was too shallow even for *vallams* and during rainy season the canal being over full, it was not possible to take the canoes under the Dhanapadikal bridge. The necessity for widening and deepening the canal and of improving it to make it navigable had been repeatedly urged on the attention of the Government at the past several sessions of the Assembly. But nothing had been done in the matter. An estimate for the work was once prepared and the same was also sanctioned. Lands required for widening the canal were also acquired by the Government. The work should be expedited.